

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) Process for the manufacture of an easy open device for "Flow Pack" ~~or similar~~ packages with longitudinal seams and ~~transversal~~ transverse closings, ~~constructed horizontally or vertically,~~ with a detachable strip, attached and aligned on the internal face of the packaging film by means of an applicator head, to be manually grasped and to result in the tearing of ~~said packages~~ a package, which includes the steps of:

attaching said strip ~~transversally~~ transversely to the machine direction on the internal face of the packaging film, and

producing a through cut on ~~at least the packaging film,~~ said through cut aligned with one end of said detachable strip to generate a tear area.

2. (Currently amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein said tear area generates an upper flap between said tear area and said closest ~~transversal~~ transverse closure.

3. (Currently amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein said through cut is accomplished by means of at least one incision parallel to the ~~detaching~~ detachable strip and on the longitudinal seam.

4. (Currently amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein said through cut is accomplished by means of a through cut ~~on~~ at one end of the ~~detaching~~ detachable strip, both being attached to an easy open/close element that blocks said through cut and said end of said ~~detaching~~ detachable strip.

5. (Currently amended) Process according to claim 4, wherein the part of the surface of said easy open/close element which blocks said through cut and said end of said ~~detaching~~ detachable strip is self-sticking and reclosable.

6. (Original) Process according to claim 4, wherein the part of the surface that can be grasped by the consumer of said easy open/close element contains no adhesive.

7. (Currently amended) Process according to ~~claims 2 and 4~~ claim 2 or claim 4, wherein said upper flap is folded over on itself and over the tear area, attaching to one of the faces of said package across the self-stick part of the surface of said easy open/close element ~~[(/)]~~to produce its closure~~[(/)]~~.

8. (Original) Process according to claim 1, wherein said detachable strip is affixed to the packaging film off the package production line.

9. (Original) Process according to claim 1, wherein said detachable strip is affixed to the packaging film on the package production line.

10. (Currently amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein said aligned attachment on the internal face of said ~~package~~ packaging film includes the steps of:

inputting the position of said ~~detaching~~ detachable strip on said package in the control logic,

optically reading the alignment for said packaging film in motion,

transmitting the information to said applicator head regarding said ~~detaching~~ detachable strip,

detaching, by means of said applicator head, said ~~detaching~~ detachable strip from said siliconed material that supports it,

affixing, by means of said applicator head, said ~~detaching~~ detachable strip to said internal face of said packaging film.

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18. (New) Process according to claim 1 or claim 2, further including the steps of:
providing an easy open/close element having a first part of surface self-sticking and reclosable, said through cut being blocked by said first part, and a second part of surface free of adhesive capable of being grasped by the consumer,
detaching said easy open/close element from said package film once said tear area is generated,
folding said upper flap over on itself and over the tear area, and
attaching said upper flap to one of the faces of said package by means of said self-sticking and reclosable part of said easy open/close element.